

Senate Resolution 568

By: Senator Miles of the 43rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Bishop Jim Earl Swilley, founder of Church in the Now; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bishop Jim Earl Swilley acknowledged his call to the ministry at an early age
3 and, since then, has proclaimed the gospel in song, ministry, and prayer throughout the
4 United States and many foreign countries; and

5 WHEREAS, in May of 1985, he founded Church in the Now, and, through his leadership and
6 that of his wife, Pastor Debye Swilley, this cutting edge, multicultural, interdenominational
7 church is powerfully impacting its community and beyond via television, streaming video,
8 and covenant ministries with a life-changing message of restoration, the nowness of God, and
9 a progressive vision for the future; and

10 WHEREAS, new outreach ministries include a million dollar teen facility; Street Jam, a
11 mobile "church on wheels" that provides community cookouts, holiday meals, Christmas
12 gifts, back-to-school supplies, and a positive message of hope to underprivileged
13 communities; and projects committed to reaching individuals in state prisons, county jails,
14 and state-wide youth development centers; and

15 WHEREAS, on May 22, 2005, Church in the Now dedicated its newly built sanctuary in
16 Conyers, Georgia, unveiling its 102,000 square foot facility, which includes a 2,800 seat
17 sanctuary, executive and administrative offices, children's education department, and media
18 center.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
20 join to recognize Bishop Jim Earl Swilley for his excellent foresight and leadership and
21 extend their sincere congratulations on the dedication of Church in the Now's new sanctuary.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bishop Jim Earl Swilley.